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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed November 9, 1999, applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. Applicants believe that no fees are required with this response. If any fees are required, it is respectfully requested that fees be charged to the account of Barnes & Thornburg, Deposit Account No. 10-0435, with reference to our matter (7475-29603).

MENDMENTS

In the Specification

On page 2, line 5, please insert -- This application is a continuation-in -part of - - before "U.S. Patent Application."